

**MINUTES  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 16, 2009  
5:00 P.M.  
Central Library  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lewis, Cox, Moore and Vogel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Miles, Budwig and Kuperberg

**STAFF PRESENT:** Beverage, Blassingame

**COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:**

Ms. Beverage and Ms. Blassingame presented Mr. Richard Moore with a framed photo of the Central Library. Ms. Beverage thanked him for his 8 years of service on the Library Board of Trustees.

**MINUTES: May 19, 2009**

VICE-CHAIR LEWIS ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED: SO MOVED BY MS. COX AND SO SECONDED BY MR. MOORE. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2009 WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Richardson Gray, a founding member of the Downtown Residence Association, was present and distributed copies of the Association's June 19, 2009 letter to the Historical Society regarding the Downtown Specific Plan and the Main Street branch .

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

Ms. Blassingame distributed Family Literacy Awards Night invitations to the members of the Board. Ms. Beverage spoke about the Oak View Family Literacy program.

**Late Communication:**

VICE-CHAIR LEWIS ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE "HB READS ONE BOOK" TO THE LIST OF DISCUSSION ITEMS: SO MOVED BY MR. MOORE AND SO SECONDED BY MS. COX. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE "HB READS ONE BOOK" TO THE LIST OF DISCUSSION ITEMS WAS PERMITTED.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **F-1. FY09/10 Budget**

Ms. Beverage reported that City Administration has requested an additional 4% reduction of the FY09/10 Operating Budget from each department, due to a reduction in revenue from tourism and sales tax. She added that the City anticipates continued reduction in revenue. She explained that the Management Team worked together to reduce next year's proposed Library Services budget, and that these cuts will have an impact on library services. Ms. Beverage further explained that staff is investigating alternative solutions in order to continue to provide services, such as cross-training staff, streamlining check-out, and sending Central library staff to branches. She added that the Friends of the Library have donated additional funds to the Library. Ms. Beverage will provide a list of the FY09/10 Operating Budget reductions at the July Board meeting.

Mr. Moore asked if the periodical subscriptions were being reviewed and shifted to the databases. Ms. Beverage explained that there will be a shift in October 2009 from GALE to EBSCO, as it is her experience that EBSCO databases are equivalent or better than GALE's. She added that all publications are being reviewed and some will not be renewed. Mr. Moore suggested the library engage in discussions with the local high school districts about the availability of the databases online through the library's website. Ms. Beverage stated that she will meet with the Management Team about approaching the high school district, which includes Westminster and Fountain Valley high schools.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, he moved to the next item.

### **F-2. Strategic Plan Update**

Ms. Beverage explained that while the Library's Strategic Plan is still going to move forward, it has been difficult to proceed and form the Community Committee while addressing the Budget adjustments. She is currently preparing materials for the future Committee and is looking forward to beginning the process by late August or early September.

Mr. Moore asked about the soon-to-be formed City Charter Committee and if the library is represented on that Committee. Ms. Beverage replied that the Committee is being formed by the City Attorney and Administration, to review the City Charter, and residents interested in serving on that Committee have applied, but that no library staff were approached to serve on the Committee.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, he moved to the next item.

### **F-3. Library Mission Statement**

Ms. Beverage read the revised Library Mission Statement reviewed by the Management Team which took into consideration the suggestions of the Library Board by adding '...and Cultural Center...' and '...and encourage...' to the Mission Statement.

The revised Mission Statement reads:

**Huntington Beach Public Library and Cultural Center welcomes, empowers and enriches our community by providing innovative and traditional library services that inspire and encourage transformation and growth.**

VICE-CHAIR LEWIS ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE NEWLY REVISED LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT AS SUBMITTED: SO MOVED BY MR. MOORE AND SO SECONDED BY MS. VOGEL. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE NEWLY REVISED LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT WAS ADOPTED AS SUBMITTED.

Ms. Beverage explained that the Vision and Core Values would remain the same at this time.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, he moved to the next item.

#### **F-4. Huntington Beach Playhouse**

Ms. Beverage reported that she located the PowerPoint presentation the previous Library Director Ron Hayden presented to the City Council in October 2003 which includes a slide outlining the various fundraising and business plan suggestions presented to the Huntington Beach Playhouse. She explained that while these ideas were presented to City Council, they were never formalized or included in an Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Playhouse. Ms. Beverage added that the working relationship between the library and the Playhouse is currently a positive one, and the newly restructured Playhouse Board of Director's is working to finalize their 2010 schedule. She reported that the Director of Economic Development, Stanley Smalewitz, informed her that he received a letter from the Playhouse requesting renewal for an additional three years with the same terms and conditions listed in the existing Agreement, and

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, he moved to the next item.

#### **F-5. HB Reads One Book**

Mr. Moore announced the new book selected by the Human Relations Task Force for the 2009/2010 HB Reads One Book program, "They Poured Fire On Us From The Sky," and asked if the Library Board would offer support of the 2009-2010 HB Reads One Book program.

VICE CHAIR LEWIS ENTERTAINED A MOTION THAT THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES WOULD SUPPORT THE 2009-2010 HB READS ONE BOOK PROGRAM. SO MOVED BY MS. COX AND SO SECONDED BY MS. VOGEL. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGREED TO SUPPORT THE 2009-2010 HB READS ONE BOOK PROGRAM.

Vice-Chair Lewis asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, he moved to the next item.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Ms. Blassingame distributed the Children's programs and the Oak View library programs update.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Library Support Organizations:**

Ms. Beverage reported on the tremendous financial support provided by the Friends of the Library and the Friends of the Children's Library in making the Library's Centennial Celebration a great success on Friday, June 12. She added that 795 ice cream cones were served, 300 plus pieces of cake were shared and over 1,000 guests attended the event.

Ms. Beverage reported that while there is no Genealogy report at this time, she is working with the Orange County, California Genealogy Society to modify the existing contract between the Society and the City of Huntington Beach.

#### **CALTAC:**

Mr. Moore reported that the next CALTAC Board meeting will be in August, and the Annual Awards Banquet will follow the November Board meeting.

### **LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:**

Ms. Cox reported on her attendance at the annual Concours d'Elegance car show and said she enjoyed it very much.

Mr. Moore distributed the Huntington Beach Coordinating Council membership form to Ms. Beverage. She thanked him and reported that the Friends of the Library also have a membership with this group.

### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

Ms. Beverage reported that the Library Board of Trustees has a new Board member, Ms. Betty Croteau, to fill Mr. Moore's position beginning in July.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Miles entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuperberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Cox seconded the motion. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ben Miles, Chair